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United States Patent No. 5,673,911 (Loftus et al.), dated October 7, 1997, which corresponds with previously filed DE 44 35 988 (Mack et al.), dated April 11, 1996;

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